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Sir:

Supervisory Patent Examiner Harold Pyon and Patent Examiner Jane J. Rhee are gratefully thanked for the courteous interview they granted the undersigned agent on February 11, 2003.

As a result of the Examiners' helpful comments, Applicants are submitting herewith (a) this Request for Continued Examination (Form PTO/SB/30) along with instructions for paying the required fees, (b) a petition for an extension of time (c) an amendment and complete response aimed at overcoming the 35 USC 102(b) Final Rejection of December 11, 2002, (d) a declaration by expert Dimitri Peter Zafiroglu, (e) an Assignment of the application from the inventors to Xymid, L.L.C. (f) a certificate of Mailing listing all of these items and (g) a self-addressed and stamped return receipt postcard.

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION OF DECEMBER 11, 2002

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the application and entry of the following Amendments and Remarks, the accompanying Declaration and enclosed Assignment.

The following amendments are being submitted on a separate sheet, immediately following this page, in the "REVISED FORMAT OF AMENDMENTS" set forth in the 02/13/03 flyer published by the USPTO.